

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1109

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Private Arthur Winters of the Army National Guard.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the Army National Guard; sadly, many of these honored defenders of our Nation and its liberties have fallen in battle throughout history; and

WHEREAS, Private Arthur Winters served with courage and gallantry in World War I and deserves proper recognition for heroism; and

WHEREAS, a native of Roan Mountain, Private Winters served with great bravery and ability in Company E, 117<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 30<sup>th</sup> Division; and

WHEREAS, engaged in combat near Premont, France, on October 7, 1918, Private Arthur Winters, at the young age of sixteen, nobly gave his life in the pursuit of freedom for his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, due to the diligence and fortitude of such soldiers as Private Winters, the 117<sup>th</sup> Infantry earned recognition from not only the United States government but also international dignitaries, including King George of England and Field Marshall Haig; and

WHEREAS, Private Winters's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of his fellow soldiers and his country, exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that he held dear, stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our Nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly should pause to remember the singular patriotism, courage, and commitment to duty of this exceptional soldier and human being, the late Private

Arthur Winters, Army National Guard, whose loss is mourned by a grateful nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the memory of Private Arthur Winters, reflecting upon his impeccable character, his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and his ultimate sacrifice for his country as a member of the Army National Guard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.